Robert Davis: Our quarters at 26 Mile were a big improvement over those we had on Shemya. The only disadvantage was that we had coal stoves. We finally learned how to bank them to hold the heat through the night so we did not have to get up in the morning being cold. We also appreciated being back to civilization with Fairbanks close by.

In the fall of 1946 paratroops participating in an operation called Task Force Frigid arrived in Fairbanks and soon let us fly boys know who was boss.